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Ministerial Personals

Rev. A. H. Coar has accepted a call to Elizabeth, N.J., and Rev. E. R. Caldecott a call to Schenectady, N.Y.

Rev. C. R. Joy was installed at Pittsfield, Mass., on January 2, and Rev. L. C. Carson at Albany on January 4.

Rev. W. C. Selleck has re-opened the church in Redlands, Cal., and will supply there for the winter.

Rev. R. M. L. Holt has accepted a call to Trenton, N.J., Rev. W. C. Pierce to Waverley, Mass., and Rev. W. F. Greenman to Greenfield, Mass.

Anniversaries

The past month has been marked by the appropriate celebration of several church anniversaries. The First Unitarian Church in Omaha, Neb., celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on December 14. The First Unitarian Society of Troy, N.Y., celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary on January 4. On the same day the First Congregational Society of Jamaica Plain observed with appropriate exercises its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary. The one hundredth anniversary of All Souls' Church, New York, celebrated on November 15-16, was an event of great distinction, marked by important addresses by President W. H. Taft, President Charles W. Eliot, Dr. Francis G. Peabody and Dr. Sullivan. All our churches should watch their historical records and be prepared to remember such anniversaries. These celebrations offer opportunity for renewing the loyalty of the old families of the parish and attracting the attention of newcomers to an honorable past and a widening future.

Journeys

The President of the Association, during the past month, has met appointments at Albany, Troy, Brooklyn, New York City, Providence, Melrose, Montpelier, Vt., Keene, N. H., Washington, D. C., as well as attending a number of Board and committee meetings in Boston and New York.

The Secretary of the Department of Church Extension, Mr. Simons, has met preaching appointments at Albany, Troy, Quincy, Third Church, Dorchester, Hyde Park and Winchester, Mass.

Field Secretary Brown has completed his round of engagements in Montana and has now taken charge of the church at Oklahoma City, Ok., to prepare it for the settlement of a new minister.

The Ministers-at-Large are at work as follows: Rev. J. F. Krolfifer at Worcester Mass., Rev. Mark Mohler at Lawrence and Topeka, Kan., Rev. O. E. Helsing at Chicago, Ill., Hudson and Underwood, Minn., Rev. Martin Fereshetian at Salt Lake City.

Rev. Florence Buck, Associate Secre-

tary of the Department of Religious Education, will spend February and March on the Pacific Coast, endeavoring to stimulate the work of the Sunday Schools in our Churches from San Diego to Seattle.

The Council of the Laymen's League has invited several well-known ministers of our fellowship to bear our message, during the coming two months, into different parts of the country. Dr. Sullivan will meet appointments along a route which can be generally outlined as Albany, Buffalo, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Washington and Baltimore. Rev. J. H. Lathrop will make a long journey into the Northwest, going out to Vancouver and Victoria on the Pacific Coast, and back through Montana and Minnesota. Rev. C. W. Casson will meet appointments in New Hampshire, Vermont and Eastern Canada. Rev. George Kent of New Orleans is to come North to speak in many of the New England churches, and Rev. P. R.Frothingham will go to the Southwest, speaking in our churches in Tennessee, Louisiana and Texas. Rev. C. E. Park will visit the other Southern churches. Rev. Palfrey Perkins will later go to the Pacific Coast. Three of the California ministers will come East. These are Mr. Bard of San Diego, Mr. Dutton of San Francisco, and Mr. Hodgin of Los Angeles. Their routes will enable them to visit on their return journeys from Boston a number of churches in the trans-Mississippi country.

Hungarian Relief

The *Christian Register* of January 15 carried a supplement describing at length the tragic situation in Hungary and particularly the threatened extermination of the ancient Unitarian churches in Transylvania. There has since been issued an appeal to all Unitarians to contribute to the relief of our suffering fellow-Unitarians, and the President of the Association has appointed a Commission to have charge of the entire enterprise. Dr. Eliot is chairman of the Commission, Rev. Sydney B. Snow is the Executive Secretary, and Mr. Isaac Sprague, 35 Federal St., Boston, is treasurer. The appeal of this Commission is before the churches and deserves the most prompt and generous response. If the resources permit it is proposed to despatch, as soon as possible, a Unit to Hungary to carry courage to the churches, material aid to the distressed people, and to bring the latest facts and necessities to the attention of the Supreme Council in Paris, so that steps can be taken to enforce the clause in the Treaty between the Allies and Roumania which guarantees religious liberty to the Protestant minority in Transylvania.

Department of Religious Education

The removal of the offices of the Department to the newly-acquired house at No. 16 Beacon Street is an event of considerable importance in our work. Since the founding of the Department in June, 1912, the officers have been in the Headquarters building. At first room number seven was regarded as adequate, but later room number six was added. In our new quarters, covering the entire second floor in the new building, we have three main office rooms, with several side rooms, the available floor space having been quadrupled over that formerly occupied. The two largest rooms open together through doors that swing back in such a way as to make the whole a convenient auditorium for probably a hundred persons. The fresh oak floors, the white-painted woodwork and attractive furnishings make the new quarters so bright and cheerful as to delight all who see them, and an inspiration to the members of the staff. We are determined to make this change in our physical equipment the occasion of a renewed devotion, as it will provide enlarged opportunity for usefulness.

The first committee meeting held in the new rooms was that of the committee on Religion in the Home, meeting jointly with members of the Sunday School Extension Committee. The former Committee has recently held a meeting with the church at Manchester, N. H., at which Mr. Billings, Mrs. Beatley, Miss

Johnson and Mr. Lawrance spoke on various ways of promoting religious observances and cultivating a religious attitude in the home. Such meetings have proved both interesting and helpful and others are planned. The Committee will be glad to hold them wherever desired up to the limit of the members' ability to do so, and to offer suggestions to any who wish to promote this work, where they cannot go in person. The Committee on Sunday School Extension, at this joint meeting, presented a form of service to be used in homes where attendance at a church school is not feasible, together with directions for conducting these services in such a way as to produce the best results.

Another event of signal importance is the establishment in Chicago of a branch office of the Department of Religious Education, with a member of our staff in permanent residence. The invitation came from the offices of the Western Conference, was gladly accepted by the Department, and was authorized by the directors of the American Unitarian Association. Rev. Hugh R. Orr was chosen as the representative of our staff to undertake this interesting work. He expects to be at his post by the first of February, and to begin his active field work at once. Mr. Orr is a preacher of ability and has had both training and experience in religious education. Above all, he has won the affectionate esteem and full confidence of the other members of the staff, as of all who have come into contact with him. We commend him with confidence to our middle-west churches. He may be addressed at the office of the Western Conference, 105 So. Dearborn St., Chicago.

New Plans for the New Year

With the first of February our churches need to be reminded that only three months of the financial year of the Association remain. Most of our churches delay taking their collection for the national work until near the end of the financial year of the Association. No adequate remedy has yet been found for this situation, even though it creates serious problems of administration because of the uncertainty of the amount of money available for carrying on the work.

The situation can be greatly improved, however, if more of our churches will adopt effective means of gathering the contribution. Most of our churches take the risk of a collection on a single Sunday morning, this being often a Sunday morning in April, which is the very last month of our financial year.

The situation would be greatly helped by adopting the plan of a thorough canvass of all the individuals of the parish for contributions. Our standard of giving for the spread of our faith is far below what it ought to be. There should be an immediate increase in these contributions, and this can be achieved only by the adoption of efficient methods.

A vigorous committee in each parish should take the matter in charge. A complete and accurate mailing list, if it is not already in existence, appeals and collection envelopes, should be mailed to every person on the list. It will add greatly to the effectiveness of the campaign if the minister or the local committee will make also a direct personal appeal to the members, and particularly if there can be a personal call made upon each member. Success will depend very largely upon the amount of personal responsibility which ministers and committees and members will assume. This responsibility should not be shifted, but should be met squarely.

It is scarcely possible to exaggerate the need today of funds to extend the work of our liberal faith. It is probably safe to say that half of the American people have no church home. It is perfectly certain that a very large proportion of those who have no church home will never connect themselves with any church until they have a liberal church to go to.

Every impulse of religious zeal, humanitarian sympathy, and patriotic devotion should move our people to a much greater activity in the doing of the work of our churches and to a much greater generosity in sustaining the work which our churches are doing in common.

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History

Several years ago, two or three devoted Post Office Mission workers felt that great assistance would be given them if there could be some books adapted to their work at 25 Beacon Street. The Second Church of Boston and King's Chapel contributed their small libraries, the First Parish of Cambridge and others co-operated, and the library was started. Then the books for circulation belonging to the Sunday School Society were added and, finally, the directors of the American Unitarian Association felt that there were many books in their library that could be of better service than remaining in the building, so the libraries were merged under the above name, now administered by a committee from the two organizations.

Object

The object of the Circulating Library is to supply books of a religious, educational, or philanthropic nature for the use of ministers and laymen wherever they may be and whenever the books can be of service. The Fellowship Committee requires applicants for commendation to our churches to read a definite number of books from a selected list; these are on our shelves.

Policy

All books are loaned, free of expense to the borrower, return postage being sent with the books. The books may be kept three weeks from the time they are received and, if desired, may be renewed for a longer time.

Additions

About 2,000 books are now on our shelves. A few books are added annually from various sources. The Second Church continues its interest, presenting one or more valuable books each year. The American Unitarian Association places upon the shelves books that have been in the reading room six months. An individual gift is occasionally received. A small amount has been allowed the committee this year, which will be used in part for the purchase of books.

Printed slips are at the disposal of anyone who may suggest books to be added, giving a brief summary of the contents of said books.

A list of accessions since the catalogue and supplement were printed will appear in the March *Word and Work*.

Executive Board

The 315th meeting of the Executive Board was held January 9, Miss Lowell in the chair. Twenty-seven were present including four visitors.

The President has visited the past month the branches at Rochester and Syracuse, N. Y. By correspondence she has kept in touch with various parts of the country. She called particular attention to a little book of Prayers for the Home prepared by the British League, which is sure to prove a help and an inspiration to all who read it. Copies may be obtained for seven cents each on application to Alliance headquarters.

Mrs. Davis announced a new branch at Jamestown, N. Y., the Adelphian Society, *Pres.*, Miss Eva Kiley, 101 Maple St.; *Sec.*, Mrs. Ethel Kiley, 14 Pullman St.; *Treas.*, Miss Nellie Kent. Another new branch is at Marshfield Hills, Mass., *Pres.*, Mrs. Mary L. Morrison; *Sec.* and *Treas.*, Mrs. Henry H. Cudworth.

The following names have been placed *in memoriam*: Mrs. Josephine A. Horton and Mrs. Ella M. Ware by Second Church, Boston, Alliance; Mrs. Abbie M.

J. Damon by Fitchburg, Mass.; Miss Elizabeth D. Merriam by Miss Grace L. Merriam, Fitchburg, Mass.

From White Oak, N. C., came word of a beautiful holly Christmas tree, which gave great pleasure to those present, some of whom had never seen a Christmas tree before. The girls at Shelter Neck, N. C., have sold fagots of Southern pine and have voted to give the money so earned towards painting the little church. They sent a beautiful wreath to be placed on Mrs. Peterson's grave at Christmas. Mrs. Noyes announced a bequest from Mrs. Peterson of $500, the income to be used for the Southern work, and it was voted to establish with this the Abby A. Peterson Fund for the Southern Circuit.

On the recommendation of the International committee it was voted to issue an Appeal for Unitarian Hungarian Relief, unlimited as to amount, with the hope of prompt and generous contributions.

A committee appointed to consider a request that meetings be arranged to bring together in some centrally located church the young people of the churches of greater Boston, announced that a mass meeting of young people would be held in the Second Church, Boston, January 25, at 4 P. M., Rev. Eugene R. Shippen to conduct the service, and Rev. Louis C. Dethlefs to give the address.

The following committees were announced: May Meetings, Mrs. Blair, *Chair.*, Mmes. Bayle, Breed, Greely, Langmaid, Nichols, Ware, Atherton. Manual committee to cooperate with Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Noyes, *Chair.*, Mmes. Bale, Dutcher, Houghton.

It was voted to ask Rev. Florence Buck to convey the greetings of The Alliance to the workers she may meet on the trip she is about to take to the Pacific Coast; and Mrs. Van Alstyne of the International committee to carry greetings to the Unitarians of Japan whom she is soon to visit.

It was a great pleasure to have present to give their reports in person Mrs. Bonny of Rochester, N. Y., Mrs. Nichols of Buffalo, N. Y., and Mrs. May of Philadelphia, Pa. Other reports from the Middle States and Canada, received in writing from vice-presidents and directors, were most interesting and encouraging. Gains in membership are recorded at many points.

At the next meeting February 13 reports are due from the Pacific Coast and another group of Massachusetts directors.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

International Committee

Since last reporting to the Board it has been the privilege of your committee to appeal to the branches through their directors for the sufferers in Hungary. The results have been most gratifying as the response has been generous and spontaneous.

Mrs. Noyes has forwarded $235 to Mme. Pelényi at the Hungarian Red Cross at The Hague and it is hoped through the splendid efforts of Mrs. St. John that direct communication with our liberal comrades in Transylvania may soon be established.

Your committee suggests in view of the fact that many branches hesitate to support an appeal that is not in the list that this appeal for Hungary be made a regular one.

Your committee would gratefully acknowledge the splendid contributions already sent in, viz,:

Messiah Branch, N. Y.	$50
Second Church, Brooklyn	10
Lenox Avenue, N. Y.	75
Denver, Col.	10
Toledo, Ohio	20
Lynchburg, Va.	2
Jamaica Plain Junior Alliance	10
A member of South Congregational, Boston	5
Amherst Alliance	10
Cleveland, Ohio	25
Santa Barbara, Calif.	10
Cambridge, Third Congregational	5
Marietta, Ohio, from Sunday School collection	40.67

A splendid letter from Miss Van Eck of Holland sends New Year's greetings to her sisters of The Alliance with warm gratitude for the Manual, Miss Ellis's Mission, and for the sermon "Is there a Righteous God?" She asks for more copies of this sermon and others of the same kind. Miss Van Eck hopes to resume presently her own Post Office Mission work to which she has devoted twenty-five years, the war causing the first break.

A letter from Signora Giulio in Turin dated Dec. 4 announced a meeting at her house that day at which Signora Caligaris was to translate the report of the International committee from the Manual, a letter from Mrs. Van Alstyne, and Mme. Loyson's latest appeal.

Mme. Giulio feels keenly the present state of Italy. Unrest reigns, frequent strikes occur, with unreasonable demands from labor, while the desire of the people seems to be to work little and to amuse themselves greatly. The middle class appears to be bearing the burden. Mme. Giulio is seriously studying social conditions with a view to helping the women to properly exercise their newly acquired vote. She feels that our chief duty at present is to work for the union of the nations; this she conceives to be the most important Christian and moral issue of the day. The International committee of the Lenox Avenue Branch is sending literature on the subjects which interest her, as she is anxious to study American methods.

A most interesting letter from Fraülein Barth in Frankfort will be reported later. Different members of the committee are endeavoring to obtain news of the conditions in Switzerland and Belgium. If these inquiries are successful, your committee may at the end of the season have an intelligent idea of how best to help the liberal souls who have just been through the fiery furnace.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSIE VOIGT, *Chairman.*

Junior Fellowship Notes

Some time ago the Junior Fellowship Committee asked for plays that have been found successful by young people. We are constantly receiving requests for suggestions of this sort, so we are going to ask once more, — that all Junior secretaries send to Miss M. F. Gill, 378 Canton Ave., Milton, Mass., the names of any plays suitable for Juniors, with the number of characters, time required for acting, and any other helpful information.

Two groups that were formed last spring have reports for us this month:

Albany, N. Y. The Albany Junior Alliance is not fully organized yet, but has ten members; it meets every two weeks at the girls' homes. We have our business meeting first, then refreshments and a good time. Last month we united with the Senior branch and had a sale from which the Juniors made twenty dollars. This we gave to our church and to some charitable organizations.

Winchendon, Mass. This group, known as the Junior Putnam Alliance, has begun the year with much enthusiasm. Meetings are held weekly; the opening service prepared by the Jamaica Plain Juniors has been adopted. The special work planned for the year is the making of layettes to be used by the district nurse in her work, and the placing of a Wayside Pulpit in front of Unity Church. Annual dues are twenty-five cents and a penny collection is taken at each meeting. More money is to be raised by means of a rummage sale and by card parties.

From the Vice-President of the Middle States

Madam President and Members of the Board:

As the details of the work of the branches are reported by the directors it behooves the Vice-President to present to you a general view of Alliance progress or retrogression in her territory, which perhaps is best done by comparison with the other districts.

The general Alliance membership has decreased during the past year to the extent of 241, which, in view of the troublous times is not alarming, especially as

the loss is confined to three sections, the other districts having gained as may be noted in the following table:

Loss in New England	215
Loss in Western States	127
Loss in Middle States	2
Gain in Canada	18
Gain in Southern States	32
Gain in Rocky Mt. States	7
Gain in Pacific Coast States	46

In the matter of finance, the Middle States has done nobly though the per capita rating is less than in 1918.

In 1918 four branches in the Middle States filled the ten spaces in the Manual which represent the full work of The Alliance — this year five have that honor: Unity Branch, Brooklyn; Flatbush Branch, Brooklyn; Rutherford Branch, New Jersey; Meadville Branch, Pa.; Branch of First Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. Meadville and Flatbush were on this honor roll last year, which means that besides paying their membership dues they have subscribed to the Alliance Appeals, Southern Circuit, Post Office Mission, War Relief, Home Church, Other Unitarian Organizations, and Miscellaneous demands.

The general outlook is hopeful and the spirit of co-operation ever growing. An immediate example is the reception which the New York League is to tender the Laymen's League on Feb. 13th at the Hotel Gotham, New York.

Another example of co-operation is the endeavor of the women of All Souls' Branch to increase its membership, which endeavor has succeeded in adding 60 new members to its roll since October.

A note of hope is being sounded everywhere and the voices of spring are beginning to be heard in the dawn that is following the dark night in which so many perished. May the work of our women go on to a glorious summer, followed by a harvest of good works and fruits of the spirit.

JESSIE VOIGT.

From Canada

From the point of view of an American Vice-President whose territory yields many stories of large Alliance experience these reports will seem none too encouraging. To the Canadian Vice-President, however, they appear to have taken a long step beyond last year records.

The spirit of the Edmonton Branch is always good. They realize that it is the part of Alliance women to work for civic purity as well as a stronger church organization. Social Service has found a large place in their lives.

The social side of their church appears to be yielding results, for they speak of the large attendance of University students at the evening affairs of the church. This Alliance is changing the day of meeting in order to give the young women students opportunity to attend on their free afternoon. They feel that the report of their branch is meagre for a year's work, but they pin their faith for future growth upon Dr. Alexander's wonderful influence with the students of the University.

Calgary writes: "The chief work of our Alliance does not appear in the record of events held, or in actual work. Its practical value has lain in the fact that it is the only means whereby the Unitarian women have been brought together and encouraged to stay by the church, and in this respect we think it has been successful."

The Winnipeg Alliance reports a decided change for the better in the spirit of their organization. They speak of the lethargy from which they are recovering, that lethargy which we all experienced after the signing of the Armistice. Winnipeg, like all the Western cities, was terribly exhausted and had the right to take time to rest. I only wonder that they could begin the struggle so soon. They too have thrown their efforts into Social Service. They speak of making garments for the Belgian and French refugees and of sending necessities to the forces in Siberia.

A good share of their energies has been turned toward the social welfare of the church. They furnish one social evening a month, and serve tea after the evening service on the last Sunday of each month. The Alliance supplies a soloist for the evening services.

The Montreal Alliance reports an unusually active season, the new group, the Evening Committee,holding monthly meetings, with social evenings for the young people. Money is donated every month for Social Service work, and they defrayed the expenses of a delegate to the May meetings. Excellent work has been accomplished by Mrs. Loud, convener of Post Office Mission, many letters written, and eleven new members added. Our Samaritan and Red Cross societies have amalgamated, known as The Samaritan Society, Mrs. George Falconer, convener. Hundreds of articles have been made to be sent to the South of France, or to different local institutions. Very special attention has been given to the Sunday School, endeavoring to increase the membership and arouse interest among the workers; a most successful Christmas-tree festival was one of the pleasant features. A bazaar in December proved to be a great success, not only financially but socially. Over $1800 was netted, a large part of which has been given to the church.

Cordial greetings came from Hamilton, with the report of the usual activities.

The Ottawa Society seems very active, with an attendance of 20 to 24 out of a membership of 28. Meetings are held every month, and the society is represented on many local charity boards. Many appeals have been answered, and $100 given to church needs. The work of the Red Cross Society has been continued for different charities, both at home and abroad.

The Toronto Branch of The Alliance sends greetings and, although only a small body of about 38 members, is glad to report a year of activity and prosperity in this centre. The financial report of the treasurer shows a goodly balance on hand with which to begin the work of 1920.

As I think over the reports of our Canadian branches, my feeling is that no one thing can do so much good as to see that a different representative yearly be sent to Boston to the May meetings. Let one bright woman spend a week in the atmosphere of Anniversary Week and she will go back ready to convert the whole world to Unitarianism, and more than that she will inflame the whole branch from which she comes with zeal for our work.

Corinne M. Louson,
Vice-President for Canada.

New York League

The second meeting of the New York League of Unitarian Women for the season 1919-1920 was held December 5 at The Second Unitarian Church in Brooklyn. After the various reports were read Mr. Lyttle, pastor of the church, gave an address of welcome and made an appeal for Meadville. He said that the school needs our most earnest support as it is the only truly Unitarian divinity school in the East.

Dr. Florence Meredith of the New York Health Center spoke on "A Constructive Health Program."

The third meeting of the season was held at the Church of the Saviour, Brooklyn, on Friday, January 2. Mr. Lathrop, pastor of the church, made an earnest appeal for the Hungarian people, and the members responded with a liberal collection. Mr. Henry Barnhardt spoke of community singing, led the members present in several songs, and sang by request the "Recessional."

On Friday, February 13, at the Hotel Gotham, New York, the League will tender a reception to the Laymen's League. Every member of the League composed of the twenty-four Alliance branches of Greater New York and New Jersey, will receive an invitation for herself and the men of her family who, it is hoped, will become members of the Laymen's League.

Mr. Charles H. Strong and Rev. John H. Lathrop will set forth the purpose and ideals of the League. Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt will address the meeting on "Citizenship," and Mrs. Claude U. Gilson on "Cooperation." There will be music, dancing, and refreshments.

News from the Branches

WAVERLEY MASS.—On January 7, at a meeting of the parish, the mortgage note of $2500 on the Parish House was burned by the faithful treasurer of the Alliance, Mrs. Orville Ripley. This mortgage was assumed by the women in 1906, and they have worked cheerfully through these years to meet their obligation. The fulfilment spells sacrifice and devotion. Of the $7000 expended for the Parish House, $3347 has been paid by the Alliance. In addition, they have contributed $150 annually to the expenses of the church. With all debts paid Waverley starts its new year with great courage, under the leadership of Rev. Walter C. Pierce, whom it has called to be its minister. The fine spirit of this Society is in part a tribute to their beloved pastor emeritus, Rev. Charles A. Allen, and Mrs. Allen.

Post Office Mission

The February conference, which comes on the 26th, is to be addressed by William Morris Davis, Sturgis-Hooper Professor of Geology, Emeritus, of Harvard University. His subject will be "Men's Share in Post Office Mission Work." Professor Davis is one of the group in the League chapter of the First Parish in Cambridge who are taking up correspondence work; this group are ready to answer any knotty problems that come to any of our committees. One chairman had a letter asking "What is the unpardonable sin and what was the forbidden fruit?" The letter was referred to this Cambridge League committee and an answer sent to the troubled questioner. This is but one instance of the valuable cooperation we are having from this committee. It is earnestly hoped that similar committees may be formed in other chapters of the League. We shall welcome all assistance.

The special Christmas sermon was out of print in two weeks. Requests for it are still coming. If any committees have extra copies, would they send them to Miss Everett at 25 Beacon Street, Boston, that some of these requests may be answered?

The Monday Conference of Alliance branches will be held at 25 Beacon Street Monday, February 2, at 10.30. Mr. William L. Barnard will speak on "The Laymen's League," and Miss Effie E. Whitman, New England Vice-President, will preside. Everyone cordially invited.

Appeals

On account of the serious condition of the Unitarians in Hungary, brought about by the Roumanians having taken possession of that country, under whose rule great hardships have been endured, an Appeal has been endorsed by the Executive Board for their relief.

Freedom of language and religion is denied them and the situation is a tragic one.

Some money has already been contributed, but much more will be needed if we are to rescue them from starvation and death. Will the branches please consider this Appeal?

EFFIE E. WHITMAN,
Chairman Committee on Appeals.

(Will the branches of greater Boston send their contributions for special Americanization to Mrs. Arthur G. Robbins, 42 Oak Street, Belmont, Mass.? On page 28 of the Manual will be found a list of treasurers of "other Unitarian organizations" to whom money for these separate societies should be sent rather than to Mrs. Noyes, Alliance treasurer.)

Appeals stand as follows:

Green Harbor	$182
Meadville Students	45
Pacific School	47
Tuckerman School	38
Southern Circuit in addition to pledges	830
Italian Mission	314
Sunday School Worker	318
College Centers Committee	136
Social Service Committee	132
Unitarian Hungarian Relief,	unlimited

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Field Work of the Y.P.R.U.

Through the Extension Committee of the District Supervisors much of the national work for the young people of our churches is being carried on. These supervisors try to organize and encourage the young people. About half of the districts have active supervisors. Can we not have more volunteers for this valuable work?

Following are the names of some of our workers: Boston district, — Mr. Gardner Pettee, chairman of the Membership Committee of the Boston Federation; South Middlesex, — Rev. James MacDonald, Mr. Edward Furber and Mr. Frank Holmes; North Worcester, — Mr. Howard Searles; Pilgrim, — Miss Flora Burns; Bay Shore, Rev. Houghton Page; Channing, — Mrs. A. H. Sanborn; Maine, — Rev. Paul Phalen; Northern Vermont, — Miss Priscilla Staples; Southeastern New Hampshire, — Miss Helen Tufts; South Connecticut Valley, — Rev. Margaret Barnard; New York, — Rev. Nelson J. Springer; New Jersey, — Rev. Ben F. Allen; Meadville, Mr. J. Harry Hooper; Middle Atlantic, — Rev. Thomas Illman; Middle West, — Rev. Curtis Reese and other assistants; Central Pacific, — Miss Dorothy Dyar.

New societies reported in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Northborough, Mass.

A committee of five met on January 13 at the Western Unitarian Conference Headquarters, Chicago, for the purpose of organizing the young people of the Chicago churches. This is an encouraging move. Already the young people of New York City and nearby New Jersey district have organized the Metropolitan Federation of the Y.P.R.U.

The Field Secretary spoke to the Junior and Senior Alliances in Athol on January 6, and future dates are scheduled for the Second Church, Boston, West Somerville, Westwood and North Andover.

Young People's Sunday

Young People's Day was observed on January 25 in many of our Unitarian churches. Up to the time when the *Word and Work* material had to be sent to print the office heard that special services were to be conducted by the young people in the following churches: Edmonton, Alberta; First Church, San Francisco; Berkeley, California; San Antonio and Dallas, Texas; St. Paul, Minnesota; Sioux City, Iowa; and the following Massachusetts churches: Hingham, Norwell, Quincy, Canton, Wollaston, Middleboro, First Church, Cambridge, Marlboro, Northborough, Meeting House Hill (Dorchester,) Channing Church (Dorchester,) First Parish (Brighton.)

It is hoped that the new interest created on this particular Sunday may develop into new enthusiasm for the young people's organizations in all of our churches. Make each group a member of the national Y.P.R.U. by contributing any possible sum for the Field Work among our young people.

Revised Dates for South Middlesex Federation of Y.P.R.U.

Jan. 11—Religious Meeting, Waverley.
Feb. 8—Religious Meeting, First Parish, Cambridge.
Feb. 20—Mid-winter Social, First Parish, Cambridge.
Mar. 19—Spring Social, Channing Church, Newton.
April 11—Spring Religious Meeting, Wellesley Hills
May 29—Annual Meeting, Wellesley Hills.

Unitarian Temperance Society

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As the Eighteenth Amendment comes into force, temperance organizations throughout the country must adjust themselves to new conditions. Supported by the great advantages which come from the benefits already derived from six months of war prohibition and the powerful weapon of a Federal law, temperance forces are now able to guarantee complete victory.

Failure will result, however, unless all friends of prohibition not only maintain their organic strength but increase their activity during the coming months. Commissioner Roper has announced through the public press that it will require six years to rid the country of the alcohol menace. The Boston Globe in an editorial for January 16, in a keen analysis of the prohibition situation in the world, points out that unless laws similar to those now in effect in America are adopted by foreign countries the aggression of foreign liquor interests together with the continued activity of those who have been engaged in that business in America will undermine our own Federal prohibition and win the United States back to license.

Denominational temperance societies, recognizing these facts, are now putting forth renewed effort to maintain the morale of the temperance forces, especially in those states as New York, Massachusetts, Illinois and Pennsylvania, which have not thus far adopted codes for the enforcement of the 18th Amendment within their own borders. They are also making plans for a larger future, and expect as soon as enforcement is reasonably complete to engage in broader interpretations of temperance activity to include public health and moral welfare.

The Presbyterian Board of Temperance has already outlined an extensive campaign covering almost every phase of social service, public health and moral welfare, including housing reforms and social hygiene.

In harmony with these pronounced tendencies of the time, the Unitarian Temperance Society is now launching a strenuous campaign for enforcement of the 18th Amendment and making plans for subsequent development of the clean, strong life.

Miss Mary Vance, who is admirably fitted for this work by her experience with the Massachusetts Society for Social Hygiene, has been employed as office secretary, and will have her headquarters at 16 Beacon Street. As we see the results of prohibition in depleted jails, rebuilt homes and invigorated manhood, there comes the challenge to extend these benefits to other lands.

As we see the moral and physical advancement through the mere prohibition of a single beverage, there comes the still greater challenge of developing our utmost physical strength to support our highest moral and spiritual ideals.

With correct ideals of life as the ground plan, the Unitarian Temperance Society is now preparing to help rebuild the physical and moral strength of all our churches.

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